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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
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For: **Method of Screening for Therapeutics for Infectious Diseases**
Inventor: Maurice ZAUDERER
Our Ref: 1821.0060001/EKS/AJK

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Statement of Substance of Interview; and
2. Return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

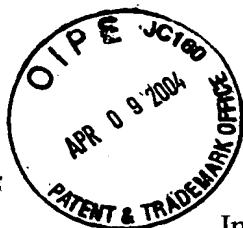
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Sir:

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the interview conducted on February 25, 2004, with Applicant and Applicant's undersigned representative. Provided herewith is a summary of the substance of the interview as required by M.P.E.P. 713.04.

Claims 1-7 were discussed. An amendment to claim 1, from which claims 1-7 depend, which would define the level of upregulation, was discussed.

Also discussed were Hickman *et al.*, *Journal of Immunology* 171:22-26 (2003) and Herberts *et al.*, *Human Immunology* 64:44-55 (2003), which were submitted with a Supplement Reply submitted on October 21, 2003.

Applicant discussed a response to the enablement rejection, based on the information submitted in the reply filed October 15, 2003.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net

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